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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Back Taxes.—City Treasurer Dealy yesterday received from the chief of police \$213.72 collected on back taxes for different streets. He also paid street bonds and interest amounting to \$250.97, which amount is due on the 24th of this month.

Cleaning Streets.—Street Superintendent Kearney has employed a number of men to clean the mud from the principal business streets of the city. By means of one of the city's large hoses attached to the corner hydrants a powerful stream is obtained which washes away the dirt and debris in a short time.

New Show Coming.—Joseph Kahn, advance agent of the "Jolly American Tramp" Company is in the city making arrangements with Manager Selig for the appearance of the company at Fishers, Monday evening, January 1st.

From St. Louis.—Yesterday morning thirty enlisted men arrived from St. Louis and were stationed at the forts at the mouth of the Columbia by the steamer Major Guy Howard.

Stores Will Close.—Saturday evening the stores of the city will close for the Christmas holidays. They will not open again until Tuesday morning. All persons desiring to do their Christmas shopping are warned to have it completed by Saturday evening for there will be no opportunity to buy anything after this time, until after Christmas.

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St. Mary's Hospital Cares For
Many Patients During Year.

NEW BUILDING NEARLY DONE

It Will Be Ready For Occupancy By
First of February—Five Hundred and
Sixty-seven Patients Come to Hospital
During Past Year.

It is a noble work that the St. Mary's hospital is doing in this city, and a brief record of what the hospital has accomplished in the past year in caring for and curing the sick and injured testifies abundantly to this fact.

In speaking of the number of patients which have been received into the hospital since the first of last January, Sister Superior Tancredi said that in all 567 persons had entered and been treated, and of this number only twenty-seven have died. Most of these however were either so badly injured in accidents, or so seriously ill, when they arrived at the hospital, that it was impossible for any human agency to do anything for them other than alleviate their sufferings, and make the end as peaceful as possible.

Two hundred of the patients who have come to the hospital have undergone surgical operations, which averages a little over one-third of the total number of patients received into the hospital for all causes. The sister superior stated that probably 150 persons were received there during the year and treated for accidents. She said that the majority of these persons hurt received their injuries while working in lumber mills, or in logging camps.

Fever patients are very few, and during the year there were no cases of contagious diseases brought to the hospital. "Every month we usually have from forty-five to fifty patients in the hospital undergoing treatment," said the Sister Superior, "and new ones are coming in all the time. The building in which we are at present located is far too small for our needs, and it will be a great relief when we are able to move into the new structure, which we expect to do about the first of February. We had expected to be in the new building by the first of the year, but the final details of completing the building, have necessarily delayed us."

There are now three trained nurses and seven sisters who are working in the hospital but it is probable when the new building is moved into, more attendants will be required.

St. Mary's Hospital has been in operation for the last twenty-five years, and is one of the oldest hospitals on the coast.

Wednesday Evening.—The twenty-seventh of December is the date for the fine concert to be given at the Methodist Church under the auspices of the choir, who will be assisted by Prof. Adrian Epping, of Portland, and the ladies' chorus of twenty voices. Admission 50 cents.

He's Alice, Alright.—Santa Claus alive and hearty, makes a daily visit to Johnson Bros. grocery on Twelfth street, from 6:30 to 7:30 o'clock each evening now, and is plainly visible to everybody, children and all, who happen to be there at that time.

Officers Elected.—At the annual election of officers of the Finnish Brotherhood the following persons were chosen to act for the coming year: President, Eric Gustafson; Vice-president, Ivan Jaakola; Corresponding Secretary, John Toikka; Financial Secretary, Oswald Gustafson; Treasurer, Jacob Moore; Chaplain, Fred Junitt; Inside guard, Henry Hendericson; Inside Watch, Albert Kari; and Outside Watch, Samuel Taala.

Off For The Bay City.—Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bemis depart this morning for San Francisco, where Mr. Bemis will take a course in the Mergantholer school. He has been for the past few months linotypist on the Morning Astorian, and he and Mrs. Bemis have made many friends in Astoria who will regret their departure for newer fields.

Chimney Burns Out.—At 1 o'clock this morning a fire alarm was turned in from the Chinese quarter. The department responded promptly but when they arrived they were unable to locate the fire for some time, though the smoke was very thick. Finally it was discovered that the chimney on the Chinese Labor Association building on Bond street between Eighth and Ninth, was burning out. The blaze was soon extinguished and the department left. The

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Chinamen however were greatly excited and for an hour afterward crowded the street "jabbering" excitedly in their Oriental tongue.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.

The Baptist Sunday School will hold its annual Christmas exercises this evening at 7:30. There is an attractive program and a good time assured for the little folks and also the "grown ups."

A HAIR SAVER

that grows in popularity. Newbro's Herpicide, popularly known as the ORIGINAL remedy that "kills the dandruff germ" is a new scientific, non-irritant germicide and prophylactic for the scalp. It cures dandruff, stops falling hair and prevents baldness by destroying the dandruff germ.

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The ladies of the Congregational church are preparing for a sale of all kinds of eatables the coming Saturday afternoon. Home-made cooking will be much in evidence.

SPECIAL SALE.

On Saturday next, December 23, there will be a sale of burnt-leather and wood, at Mrs. Sarah Ross' millinery store.

N. A. Ackerman, 421 Bond St., does all manner of taxidermy, furniture upholstery, carpet cleaning and laying, mattress making a specialty and all work guaranteed.

Get one of those new style graphophones for Christmas, at Eilers Branch Store, 424 Commercial street, A. R. Cyrus, manager.

Do you wish to study the piano? Piano harmony and history of music taught at Miss Tawney's studio, 502 Commercial. Fulton building, Phone Black, 2146.

MOVED AND READY.

Charles Heilborn & Co., have moved into their new store and make the announcement that they are now open for business and are ready to fill all orders promptly.

Wood! Wood! Wood! Wood! Wood!
For choice dry box-wood, telephone 2064 Black, or leave orders at the Astoria Grocery, O. Nelson, "The Wood Man."

Mrs. Thida Anderson, massage, 1471 Grand Avenue. Given either at home or will call.

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As soon as the child is done nursing apply Chamberlain's salve. Wipe it off with a soft cloth before allowing the child to nurse. Many trained nurses use this with the best results. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

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YOUR NEXT.

Never have to wait long at the Occident Barber Shop. A. E. Peterson, proprietor.

Morning Astorian, 75 cents a month.

The Little Book Store for sale.

CLOSING OUT SALE.

On the fifteenth of November, the entire stock of goods at the Little Book Store, will be put on sale at cost. Christmas bargains in books, stationery novelties, etc. 174 Tenth street.

**A List of
Helpful
Hints for
Gift-Buyers**

Smoking Jackets	..... \$5.00 up
Bath Robes	..... \$4.00 up
Gloves	..... \$1.00 up
Evening Dress Protectors	..... \$1.50 up
Braces, fancy	..... 50c up
Umbrellas	..... \$1.00 up
Waistcoats, fancy	..... \$1.50 up
Bags and Suit Cases	..... \$2.50 up
Neckwear	..... 50c up
Hosiery, fancy	..... 25c up
Handkerchiefs	..... 25c up
Shirts	..... \$1.00 up
Pajamas	..... \$1.50 up
Night Robes \$1.00 up
Underwear, suit \$1.00 up
SUITS AND OVERCOATS	
For Men \$10.00 up
For Boys \$4.00

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